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CALL FOR LOCAL ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2004/2005 ARTS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

El Paso, Texas; October 21, 2003 - Artists are currently being sought to participate in the City of El Paso Arts & Culture Department's 2004/2005 Arts in Education program. The goal of the Arts in Education Program is to bring students and artists of various disciplines together in a classroom setting for a creative educational experience.

The Arts & Culture Department's Arts in Education panel will review all applications, conduct a selection process and prepare a list of selected artists. The Arts & Culture Department will then design and compile a brochure with artists selected for the program to be distributed to the El Paso, Ysleta, and Socorro Independent School Districts.

Teachers and administrators will then choose from a list of professional musicians, visual artists, writers, dancers and theater groups available to share their craft and knowledge with students. Participating schools must contact the Arts & Culture Department directly to coordinate dates of all workshops. Artists will receive \$40 dollars per workshop approved by the department. To more effectively meet the goals of the Arts in Education program, workshops will be limited to classroom settings of 30 students or less.

Applications are available at the Arts & Culture Department office located on the sixth floor of City Hall. For more information, please contact Cynthia Garcia at 915.541.4481. **Application deadline is January 31, 2004.**

The Arts in Education program is funded by the City of El Paso Arts & Culture Department, the Texas Commission on the Arts, EPISD, SISD and YISD. The mission of the City of El Paso Arts & Culture Department is to deliver high quality arts and cultural experiences, and showcase El Paso as an international cultural destination.

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